

REMARKS

Upon entry of the foregoing Amendment, claims 1, 2, 5-6, 8, 10-11, 13-15, 20-23, 25-29, and 31-36 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 5, 10, 14, 20, and 26 have been amended; no claims have been cancelled; and no new claims are added. Applicants believe that this Amendment does not add new matter. In view of the foregoing Amendment and following Remarks, allowance of all the pending claims is requested.

By the foregoing Amendment, Applicants have amended and/or cancelled various claims solely for purposes of expediting prosecution of this Application. Applicants expressly reserve the right to prosecute the subject matter of any claim pending prior to the foregoing Amendment, or any other subject matter supported by the Specification, in one or more continuation and/or divisional applications.

Examiner Interview

Applicants thank Examiner Christopher E. Leiby and Examiner Henry Tran for the courtesies of granting Applicants' representatives the Examiner Interview. During the Examiner Interview, Applicants' representatives discussed claims 1 and 5 and the references relied upon by the Examiner. During a follow-up interview with Examiner Leiby by telephone on October 22, 2009, the Examiner indicated that the foregoing Supplemental Amendment is acceptable and that further search would be required. Applicants thank the Examiner for agreeing to telephone the undersigned prior to issuing any next Office Action in order to expedite prosecution of this application.


CONCLUSION

Having addressed each of the rejections of the Office Action mailed May 20, 2009 ("Office Action") in Applicants' Reply dated September 21, 2009, and in consideration of the foregoing Supplemental Amendment, it is respectfully submitted that a full and complete response has been made to the Office Action and, as such, the Application is in condition for allowance. Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

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